

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: School Board Capital Project
Priorities

ITEM NO: 9E

PREPARED BY: Jean S. Murray
Superintendent

MEETING: February 14, 2006
February 28, 2006

ACTION DATE: February 28, 2006

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve Capital Project Priorities for the use of carryover proffer and VPSA funds and authorize the Superintendent to provide those priorities to the County Administrator.

KEY POINTS: (New information in this item is found in #7, 8, and 9 and is indicated in bold type).

1. The School Board requested that the Board of Supervisors:
 - Appropriate the remaining FY2005 year-end balance of \$5,740,530 to the FY2006 School Operating Budget (October 25, 2005, January 24, 2006, Exhibit I, attached).
 - Appropriate the current school proffers in the amount of \$716,739.94 to the School Construction Fund (December 13, 2005, Exhibit II, attached).
 - Authorize submission of an application to the Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) in an amount not to exceed \$41,700,000 (Board of Supervisors February 7 agenda item, Exhibit III). The School Board's original request was for an amount not to exceed \$46,620,000 (January 24, 2006, Exhibit IV).
2. At their meeting on February 7, 2006, the Board of Supervisors voted favorably to hold a public hearing on each of the three items as listed on March 7, 2006.
3. However, Supervisors stated that they needed to know how the School Board intended to use the carryover funds and proffer funds before they would vote to appropriate these funds to the School Board. A comment was made about using proffers to pay down the debt.
4. Supervisors also stated that they did not agree with the projects delineated on the VPSA borrow (Exhibit IV) and would not approve the request as submitted.
5. Carryover Funds - \$5,740,530

The School Board has options for how the carryover funds might be used in agreement with the County of Stafford Principles of High Performance Financial Management which state in the Undesignated Fund Balance bullet 2, a. "The School Operating Fund unreserved (available) balance will be reappropriated annually to the

School Board for capital or start-up expenditures.”

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Capital Projects

-Land and associated expenses HS2009	\$4,340,530
-Hot Water Heaters NSHS and BPHS*	250,000
-Playground Drainage – PRES	75,000
-Upgrade HVAC Automation System – Districtwide	250,000
-Replace Phone System – SHS	100,000
-Media Retrieval System Replacement-BPHS	125,000
-Paving – Districtwide	200,000
Track Resurface – DMS	75,000
-CCTV Camera Additions/Replacements – Districtwide	150,000
-Security Fence Installation to Secure Bus Storage Area (NSHS and AYBAC)	175,000
 TOTAL	 \$5,740,530

* Included with proposed FY07-12 CIP

**Included in previous staff recommendations.

By reviewing Exhibit I, you will see a list of original items not included in this recommendation. These original items are still needed and with the exception of one dump truck, have not been included in the Superintendent's Funding Request at this time.

6. Proffered Funds - \$716,739.00

Proffered funds are to be used for Capital Projects at schools in the attendance area identified by the proffer. The following are capital projects necessary for the specific school or district needs that meet the proffer requirements:

-Booster Pump to Enhance Poor Water Pressure RTMS - \$75,000	
-MS Security Entrance Redesign RTMS - \$8,357	\$ 83,357
 -JROTC Required Storage Unit CFHS \$41,200	
-Network Operation Center CFHS \$350,000	
-Track Repair/Resurfacing CFHS \$40,000	
-Stadium Field Drainage Correction CFHS \$48,533	\$479,933
 -Address Safety/Liability/ADA Issues:	
Bleachers – SMS, BPHS - \$86,925	
Bleachers – DMS, SHS - \$15,045	
Bleachers – HHPMS, NSHS - \$1,280	
Bleachers – SMS, BPHS - \$12,000	
Bleachers – SMS, BPHS - \$38,400	\$153,650
 TOTAL	 \$716,739.94

7. Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA)

The School Board met on February 21 to discuss CIP projects and to discuss priorities of projects in the VPSA Spring borrow and in the 2007-2012 CIP.

The School Board can determine the request for the Spring Bond Sale by reviewing the notes that follow the chart. The request was not to exceed \$46,620,000. County staff

recommended \$41,700,000.

PROJECTS	Project Estimate	Amt Funded to Date	Amount to be Borrowed Spring 2006	Completion Date
a. Site Improvements	\$2,573,000.00	\$300,000.00	1,370,000.00	12/2006
b. Elementary School 2006 (Austin Ridge)	20,359,000.00	9,800,000.00	9,765,000.00	09/2006
c. Middle School 2006 (Grafton Village)	30,760,000.00	14,809,000.00	14,834,000.00	09/2006
d. Middle School 2008 (Widewater)	33,636,000.00	0.00	7,000,000.00	9/2008
e. Elementary School 2008 (Gari Melcher)	22,260,000.00	0.00	300,000.00	9/2008
f. High School 2009	65,526,000.00	0.00	4,800,000.00	9/2009
g. Stafford Middle School Addition	5,498,000.00	300,000.00	3,000,000.00	09/2007
h. A.G. Wright Middle School Addition	6,969,000.00	360,000.00	3,500,000.00	09/2007
i. Grafton Village Elem. School	8,720,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	09/2008
j. Falmouth Elementary School	8,720,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	09/2008
k. Main Entrance Security Renovations-Various Schools	1,180,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	12/2007
l. Pupil Transportation Facility	1,484,000.00	20,000.00	200,000.00	12/2007
m. Warehouse Addition-Maintenance	1,517,000.00	75,000.00	1,111,000.00	08/2007
n. Energy Performance	2,000,000.00	0.00	500,000.00	Open
Total amount to be borrowed			\$46,620,000.0	

NOTES:

- a. Site Improvements include:
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| Weight Room – SHS | \$388,000 |
| Roof Replacement Fleet Services | \$148,000 |
| Replace Kitchen Hood – MES | \$ 90,000 |
| Bathroom Renovation Professional Development Center | \$ 75,000 |
| Pave Parking Area Fleet Services | \$450,000 |
| Replace Chillers – FFES & HES | \$116,000 |
| Replace Chillers – HOES | \$ 50,000 |
| Replace HVAC System Gari Melchers Gym | \$ 50,000 |
| TOTAL | \$1,370,000 |
- b. Elementary School 2006 (Austin Ridge) – Under construction; funded to date \$9.8M. Not funding would jeopardize completion by September 2006. Stafford County Public Schools would be in breach of contract.
- c. Middle School 2006 (Dixon-Smith) – Under construction; funded to date \$14,809,000. Not funding would jeopardize completion by September 2006. Stafford County Public Schools would be in breach of contract.
- d. Middle School 2008 – Widewater – No money borrowed to date but money has been expended on school and site design; not funding will jeopardize a September 2008 opening; project previously approved in CIP by School Board and Board of Supervisors; redistricting

includes September 2008 opening.

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e. Elementary School 2008 (Gari Melchers) – No money borrowed to date but money has been expended. Not funding will jeopardize September 2008 opening. Project previously approved by School Board and in CIP by Board of Supervisors. Relieving Rocky Run Elementary School overcrowding is dependent upon keeping this project on timeline.

f. High School 2009 – Funding for beginning this project is recommended in Item #5 from carryover funds. Funds were initially borrowed and set aside for the purchase of needed land for HS07. At the request of the Board of Supervisors, this money was moved to other projects last winter with the understanding that the county would purchase land when found. Not funding the entire project for 2009 severely impacts overcrowding in the high schools, most specifically with 2026 students projected at Stafford High School (1800 capacity) by 2009.

g/h. Middle School Additions – Money borrowed to date \$660,000. Both projects previously approved by School Board and Board of Supervisors. Relieving overcrowding in northern middle schools is dependent upon additional classrooms through classroom additions or some form of modular/mobile classrooms. Funds necessary to provide additional classrooms. Present middle school redistricting proposal assumes that these additions will be in place by the fall 2007.

i/j. School Renovations – Grafton Village and Falmouth Elementary Schools – Grafton Village is 39 years old and Falmouth is 39 years old. Both schools were equipped with Univent HVAC systems during the early 90s causing ongoing humidity concerns. No funding to date. Both projects, as well as other renovations, are included in the 2007-2012 CIP to be considered for approval by the School Board tonight and not yet approved by the Board of Supervisors in the County's CIP. Not funding the design efforts of these renovations through the spring borrow delays renovation design efforts until Spring 2007.

k. Main Entrance Security Renovations – Various Schools – The School Board approved retrofitting school entrances to eliminate the security desk and route all traffic through the front office. This \$40,000 request begins the design efforts to retrofit elementary schools built on the Moseley elementary prototype prior to Conway Elementary. This item has not previously appeared in a CIP.

l/m. Pupil Transportation and Warehouse Addition - These items were approved in the CIP by the School Board and Board of Supervisors. \$95,000 has been spent to date on these projects. Both facilities are unable to provide the required space necessary to house the personnel, equipment, and supplies for a school division that has doubled in size since the facilities were completed. The warehouse will also be used in small part by the county for storage. The Pupil Transportation office is presently housed in an aging trailer.

n. Energy Performance – These funds could be provided through different and shorter funding sources if allowed and approved by the School Board and Board of Supervisors. Financial bond advisors, PFM, are reviewing state code for this possibility.

By School Board approval of the CIP for inclusion in the County's CIP, the School Board commits to the sequence of projects which provides staff the road map for project design and completion. Based on previous direction of the School Board, staff submitted the VPSA Bond Sale request to continue, begin, and complete those projects identified.

Based on these explanations, items f and h could be deducted from the VPSA Bond Sale request:

\$46,620,000
 <4,800,000 (HS 2009)
 < 500,000 (Energy Performance)
 \$41,320,000

8. The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on March 7, 2006 on the reappropriation of \$5,740,530 in carryover FY05 funds; on the appropriation of \$716,739.00 of proffer funds; and on the authorization for the Spring VPSEA Bond Sale not to exceed \$46,620,000. Through a joint meeting of the two boards, conversations with individual members of the Board of Supervisors, or through written communication from the School Board to the Board of Supervisors, the School Board can communicate its priorities for each request previously made.

9. The prioritization of the projects for use of the carryover proffers and VPSEA funds is requested for presentation to the Board of Supervisors prior to March 7.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: NA

FUNDING SOURCE: NA

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:

- Stafford County Principles of High Performance Financial Management
- Stafford County Public Schools 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Plan
- Stafford County Public Schools 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan
- Stafford County Proffer Guidelines
- Virginia Public School Authority